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SUBJECT: UNFDAC-PERSONNEL MATTERS

REF: A. USUN 2358; B. STATE 171939; C. USUN 1366

1. AMBASSADORS LEONARD AND STOTTLEMYER LUNCED WITH USYG DAVIDSON JULY 27 AND MADE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL B. DAVIDSON OFFERED THAT DE BEUS' CONTRACT WAS EXTENDED BY WALDHEIM DURING HIS JULY GENEVA VISIT UNTIL DECEMBER 31 1977, AND CONFIRMED EXTENSION OF WELLMAN FOR QTE ANOTHER YEAR UNQUOTE.

2. IN REPLY TO POINTS WE MADE CONTAINED REFTEL B, DAVIDSON REPEATED HIS EARLIER ARGUMENTS REPORTED PARA 3 REFTEL C AND IN MOST CANDID AND STRONGEST TERMS URGED THAT USG NOT REPEAT NOT PRESS FOR AMERICAN TO REPLACE DE BEUS AS HEAD OF UNFDAC. SPECIFICALLY, DAVIDSON SAID THAT EVEN IF NUMBER TWO POSITION WERE NOT HELD BY AMERICAN, THE COMBINATION OF MASSIVE US PAST PRESSURE AND SUPPORT FOR THIS FUND PLUS AMERICAN DIRECTOR WOULD MAKE (IN HIS OPINION) HOPELESS ANY FUTURE EFFORT TO DIMINISH HIGH PROPORTION OF AMERICAN SHARE OF UNFDAC FINANCING; I.E., OTHER POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS WOULD REGARD THIS AS A PURELY AMERICAN ENTERPRISE AND THUS BE EVEN MORE UNWILLING TO CONTRIBUTE. INCIPIENT INTEREST IN WORLD DRUG PROBLEMS, ON PART OF SEVERAL OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHO ARE NOW BEGINNING
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TO EXPERIENCE THEIR VERSIONS OF US DRUG PROBLEM, CONSEQUENTLY IS LIKELY TO BE ABORTED.

3. WE STRESSED OSBORN'S OUTSTANDING QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS POST BUT DAVIDSON WAS NOT RECEPTIVE FOR ABOVE REASONS.

4. RE HARVEY WELLMAN, WE SUGGESTED THAT DAVIDSON SHOULD FIND

ANOTHER UN JOB FOR HIM IF HIS CONTINUED PRESENCE IN UNFDAC COMPLICATED US DESIRE TO REPLACE DE BEUS. DAVIDSON REACTED STRONGLY, ASSERTING THAT ISSUE OF WELLMAN WAS PREROGATIVE OF THE UN AND FURTHERMORE, REMAINED US WELLMAN HAD BEEN PLACED IN UNFDAC AT USG URGING.

5. DAVIDSON ADDED THAT UFDAC TRACK RECORD HAD NOT BEEN THE BEST AND THAT MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS CONTINUED TO PLAGUE IT. HE STRESSED NEED FOR MORE DYNAMIC AND EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND OPERATION AND WAS CONFIDENT THAT A TOP-NOTCH CANDIDATE COULD BE FOUND.

6. COMMENT: DAVIDSON CONTINUES TO BE PERSONALLY CONCERNED WITH UNFDAC'S PROBLEMS AND IS HOPEFUL THAT AT LAST ITS PERSONNEL PROBLEMS CAN BE RESOLVED. HE BELIEVES, AS DO WE, THAT INSISTING ON AN AMERICAN TO REPLACE DE BEUS IS NOT THE SOLUTION; IN FACT, THIS IS LIKELY TO COMPLICATE RATHER THAN RESOLVE UNFDAC'S PROBLEMS.
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